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The National Encampment.

Thousands of grizzled, or gray, bent
and crippled veterans congregated and
marched in line this week in the city
of Rochester, the remnants of the army
of young men who went to the front to
uphold the Union fifty years ago. We
prefer not to believe the report that this
may be the last annual encampment.
True, the ranks have been sadly de-
pleted in recent years, and there will be
still further decrease before the time
comes for the next encampment, but the
enthusiasm that has brought out nearly
10,000 of the survivors will continue, de-
spite the rapidly lessening number. At-
tractive as a grateful American public
tries to make these gatherings, attendance
is a tax upon the physical strength
of the veterans. It makes a great de-
mand upon their physical energy, not-
withstanding the comforts of modern
travel, and, in addition to this, the sacri-
fice of one or more lives has been a
regular result of recent parades at the
national encampments of the Grand
Army.

The citizens and the country have
been generous in their treatment of the
heroes of the civil war. The latter have
been shown grateful consideration, and
the value of their services and the
courage of their sacrifices continues to
be recognized, though but a tradition to
the present generation. As long as
these men remain with us we owe them
the tribute of reverence and appreciation.
Their day of duty fell in an epoch-
making period of our history, and the
distinction which is theirs may be
still the more unique if, as many hope,
we are entering upon an era of eternal
peace. In the meantime, however, it
would seem either that the annual
parade should be abandoned or its route
curtailed, or else that the cities which
entertain the veterans should provide
some means for transportation. It is
becoming too great a task for men who
are no longer young to march for miles
over city streets.

You may deposit your money now at
post at any old post-office.

Fire Drills and Records.

The fire drill established in the De-
partment of Justice not only affords the
maximum of safety for the employees,
but, under the direction of the Attorney
General, is devised to protect valuable
records from destruction. Each em-
ployee has definite instructions as to the
building in case of danger from fire.
While the care thus exercised by the
Attorney General is most admirable, and
while his example might be followed to
advantage in other departments, the
fact remains that the governmental
records ought not to be in such jeop-
ardy. Congress long ago purchased a
site for a hall of records, but the
money for the construction of the build-
ing has not been appropriated. In the
meantime, therefore, a vast quantity of
important papers, the loss of which
would be irreparable, continues to be
housed in edifices that are notoriously
inflammable. The hall of records should
long ago have been constructed, and in
it should have been stored the archives
of the government.

Perhaps it will take a serious fire,
with the destruction of valuable and his-
toric documents, to awaken Congress to
a realization of the necessity for per-
forming a duty too long delayed.

Our Statues.

It is pleasing to know, upon the au-
thority of Montgomery Schuyler, writ-
ing in Scribner's Magazine, that the
transept of Westminster Abbey is little,
if at all, less comical or less tragical
than the so-called "chamber of horrors"
in Statuary Hall of the Capitol. In both
cases there is a heterogeneous commem-
oration of heroes, with statues
placed contiguous to colossal figures,
and the contrasts exciting mirth and the
excellence of each work lost through the
absurdity of the surroundings.

Mr. Schuyler pleads for suitable sites
and environments for monuments,
whether they be placed in the open air
or within some public structure. The
effect of the best monuments, sculp-
turally and even architecturally considered,
he says, may be quite ruined and nulli-
fied by placing them where they cannot
be really effective. On the other hand,

a monument which is not in itself
above mediocrity may take on real sig-
nificance and even distinction from its
effective placing of a frame or stopping
of a vista. He is fair enough to add
that there is not much to choose in this
respect between the two branches of the
English-speaking race.

There is no question that the statues
which are authorized for this city or
which may be erected here in the fu-
ture should not be allowed to be hap-
hazard creations nor should their loca-
tion be selected in a perfunctory way.
There has been too much indifference in
the past regarding both essentials. If
we are to have a really beautiful city in
the future, the character and sites of
monuments demand careful considera-
tion.

Atwood's flight has shown that if you
want to go to St. Louis in a hurry, do
not take an airship.

One Hundred Years of Peace.

Ninety-seven years ago last Thursday,
August 24, Washington fell into the
hands of the British, and its principal
public buildings, with their contents,
were destroyed. The Capitol, the
Library, the State and War department
offices, and the President's house all
were burned by the invading army. At
that time, Washington was a town of
8,000 inhabitants. In the space of ninety-
seven years the Capital has risen from
the ashes of a ruined village to be one
of the most beautiful cities in the world.
In three years a century will have
passed since the dark days of the last
war with Great Britain, and the event
might well be marked by an elaborate
peace celebration. The contrast between
the condition of the city of the early
days and that of to-day would be strik-
ing. The occasion could be made to
demonstrate impressively the advance-
ment of Washington to the country and
the whole world. It is not too early to
formulate the plans, and the suggestion
is commended to the Chamber of Com-
merce and Board of Trade for their
consideration.

The summer colonists at Buzzards
Bay are in no danger because a Ger-
man cruiser lies off shore.

The Latest Anti-Semitic Riots.

Organizers of massacres in Russia
will rejoice over the report of the anti-
Jewish uprising in several towns in
Wales as a sequel to the strike, which,
in the meantime, has been settled peace-
ably. There is, however, no comparison
whatever between the two occurrences.
In Russia the government failed in its
effort to drive the Jews toward the
rural areas, a fact not at all strange, be-
cause leading officials were among the in-
stigators of the massacres. In Wales the
sacking of Jewish shops was merely an
incident in connection with a general
industrial disturbance. The British gov-
ernment promptly took the necessary
steps to suppress the disorder and to
protect the victims. There is no danger
of a general anti-Semitic uprising in
Great Britain.

The causes of the attack on the Jew-
ish shops—exorbitant prices, high rents,
&c.—have been denied vigorously, but
their alleged existence stirred the ig-
norant masses and fanned religious
fanaticism. We take it for granted, how-
ever, that Great Britain will enforce its
laws and order with rigor, insuring the
protection of life and property of all of
its inhabitants, irrespective of race or
faith.

The statement of a Pittsburgh phy-
sician that he has discovered a cure
for hay fever is not to be sneezed at.

Model Road Making.

Mr. Taft has promised to make the
opening address at the first congress of
the American Association for Highway
Improvement, which is to be held in
Richmond in November. He is in fa-
vor of the good roads movement. So is
every American who is interested in the
common weal.
The construction and maintenance of
good roads is no longer the simple prob-
lem of a few years ago. The road of the
future will be very different from the
highway of the past, and of the
majority of those in existence now.
This change has been caused by the au-
tomobile. No old type road, even the
best, can resist the grinding of thou-
sands of automobile wheels. Even the
old Roman highways, long used and
justly famous for durability, which with-
stood the traffic of many centuries, are
beginning to show alarming effects
from the increase of automobiles, and it
is the general opinion of engineers in
Europe that all of the great arteries of
highway of common travel will have to
be reconstructed within the next few
years. The necessity for devising a new
and resistant system of construction is
felt most urgently.

This phase for America, no doubt, will
be one of the main subjects of the road
congress, and the suggestions elicited
will be of interest and importance, es-
pecially to all those concerned in au-
tomobiles and motoring.

Agitators thrown out of jobs by pro-
tracted peace in Central America are
now applying for work as anti-adminis-
tration editors in Cuba.

If it is really true that science has
discovered a means of curing the most
confirmed liar, it will revolutionize the
modern practice of diplomacy.

An author sues for divorce, naming
a poet as co-respondent. Does this mean
that she left him for better or for
verse?

Unfortunately for a number of Con-
gressmen, the Chautauque circuit for
this summer is just about completed.

An Illinois town tries to cure in-
surrection by trying them to tuberculosis
in the cemetery. It is quite effective.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

WAY IT HAPPENED.
Now John Hays Hammond roundly says
He didn't nudge the King.
His majesty has easy ways;
He was the sassy thing.

The King is not austere or grim,
Has free and easy ways.
Instead of John Hays nudging him,
'Twas he that nudged John Hays.

Uncle Pennywise Says:
The auto carries extra tires; but the
pedestrian ain't got no extra legs.

Same Effect.
"The rates were higher, but it was
worth it."
"How now?"

"The doctor said my wife must have
a rest, so to save her the trouble of
dressing we changed hotels three times
a day."

Hardships of the Sea.
"Ever shipwrecked?"
"No; but I know the sensation. We
were marooned in Liverpool and couldn't
secure a first cabin for weeks and
weeks."

Turned Him Down.
Maud Muller on a summer's day
Received the judge, but said him nay.
His job was good, but kingdoms fall
And Maudie thought of the recall.

Driven to It.
"Reading Chaucer? Rather heavy for
summer, isn't it?"
"Yes; but after my daily grist of base-
ball slang, I have to read a little early
English to rest my mind."

Back in Town.
"Was your love affair romantic?"
"Oh, very. I met Reginald at the sea-
shore. We both pretended to be very
rich."

"Yes, yes."
"And now it turns out that he col-
lects the payments on our piano."

Her Reasoning.
"That young fellow I met last week,"
said a belle of the beach, "must be
worth all kinds of money."
"Has he bought you a ton of candy?"
"No; he hasn't spent a cent on me
since I met him."

Political Conditions in Virginia.
From the Petersburg Index-Opinion.
The Democratic party of Virginia has
not been so sorely tested in a generation.
Individuals and newspapers who have
been turned upon the party and charged it
with misdemeanors and crimes graver
than any of which it was accused in the
days when there was a Republican party
in the field against it. The records of
the Democratic party of the State have
been ransacked for twenty years
back, and the names of many of the
men who fought our battles and won our
victories then are being besmirched by
the tongue of the superheated partisan.

We have come to such a pass that
if the Democrat who hears all the
charges brought against the Democratic
party of Virginia believes even one-half
of them he is ashamed of having voted
the Democratic ticket.

Affairs have reached a stage that is
most serious. It may be called pitiable.
Outrageous would not be too strong a
description.

The Devil and the Preachers.
From the Richmond Times-Dispatch.
The Savannah News says that in
Washington the devil and the preachers
of the three months' vacation. Maybe
the preachers do, but never the Old Boy.

Modern Homeric Nod.
From the Chicago Record-Herald.
With three men on bases and Detroit in
need of runs the other day, Ty
Cobb struck out. Again we are remind-
ed of the deplorable fact that Homer
noded.

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CURIOUS BITS OF HISTORY.

By A. W. MACY.

CRAZY EUROPEAN RULERS.

During the time Napoleon was
turning Europe topsy-turvy with
his splendid military genius more
than half the European thrones
were occupied by either lunatics
or half-witted persons. Emperor
Paul of Russia had a feeble in-
tellect, a scanty education, and
an absurd and well-nigh insane
self-conceit. Christian VII of
Denmark was so feeble and mor-
bid that he was incapable of ruling.
Queen Marie of Portugal
was hopelessly insane, and
had to be kept under restraint.
Charles IV of Spain was a weak
ruler, hardly a shade more than
half-witted. His brother, Fer-
dinand of Naples, was a little
better, but not much. And George
III of England, intellectually
sluggish and obstinate by nature,
was destined to pass the last ten
years of his life in hopeless in-
sanity. Napoleon's career prob-
ably would have been shorter
and less brilliant had the Euro-
pean thrones been occupied by
vigorous monarchs.
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To-morrow—Joseph Francis, "Life Saver."

WHAT TOGO HAS SEEN.

Admiral Impressed by Gigantic Feats of Engineering.

From the Newark Evening Star.
Admiral Togo's impressions of New
York and its immediate surround-
ings must be more vivid than any others
he received while in this country, and
are probably greater than any in Eng-
land. The Japanese admiral saw in Lon-
don a wonderful social pageant and he
beheld also the great spectacle of an as-
sembled British navy. But he expected
to see all of that. What was of more
interest to him as a Japanese was an ex-
hibition of the wealth, power and re-
sources of the United States, with which
nation Japan may in the future come in
conflict. A few war ships, however
formidable, would not awe him. Japan
can build battle ships and also can con-
struct 11-inch guns to equip them.

What did make an impression on the
admiral's mind was the wonderful con-
struction work he beheld in New York
City, the gigantic feats of engineering
the evidences on every side of incessant
energy and daring achievement. He did
not need to be told, for he had only to
use his eyes. Now, a man like Admiral
Togo would draw certain deductions
from what he saw. He would say that a
people capable of such things were equal
to any great task; that they could never
be caught unprepared by a war; that
in a conflict with another great power
American genius would be able to keep
the focus of nature; that, in short,
a nation such as he beheld was uncon-
querable.

The Hoodoo of 1912.
From the New York Sun.
An Englishman with a sense of humor
has reached Gotham, and he is regarded
as such a rare one that they want to
keep him as long as they can. When
he registered the clerk assigned him to
room 1812.

"Oh, I say, is there any method in your
handing me that number?" he demanded.
"That's not popular with Britishers, you
know."

He smiled, and it dawned upon the
clerk that there was a war called by that
date. Later on the manager, passing by
the open door of 1812 found the walls of
the room fairly swarmed with British
flags.

"Must do something to ward off what
you call the hoodoo," was the visitor's
comment.

Age Limit for Chauffeurs.
From the Baltimore American.
The establishing of an age limit for
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